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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED FOR USCG TEAM, BEAM,
KENNEY, MORGAN, HENIGHAN, JACOBS AND EXBS PROGRAM MANAGER
MAGOULAS VISITING ZAGREB FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 1, 2006

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¶1. In response to reftel, Embassy Zagreb and Export Control and Border Security Program, welcome and grant country clearance to the following US Coast Guard Team and Program Managers for EXBS Program:

- ¶A. Clare Wilson Beam, GS-12/13, USCG International Affairs
- ¶B. CAPT Frederick Kenney, O-6, USCG District 1
- ¶C. LCDR Jeffrey Morgan, O-4, USCG International Port Security Program
- ¶D. LT John Henighan, O-3, USCG District 17
- ¶E. MKC John Jacobs, E-6, USCG ELC Baltimore
- ¶F. Anna Magoulas, Program Manager, Department of State

¶2. The team will visit Zagreb, Split, Ploce, Dubrovnik, island of Vis and city of Rijeka from February 20-March 1. Port of Split, island of Vis and port of Ploce will be visited from February 22-24, Port of Dubrovnik on February 25th and Rijeka will be visited on February 27th. The team will be meeting with Harbor Masters, MOD and MOI representatives, operational and vessels experts as well as visiting Croatian state sea border and maritime police operational units.

¶3. Organizations and locations to be visited:

- ¶A. Country team at US Embassy Zagreb
- ¶B. Ministry of Interior, Maritime and Border Police, HQ and operational units
- ¶C. Ministry of Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development, HQ and field units (Harbor Masters)
- ¶D. Ministry of Defense (Navy), operational units

¶4. Points of contact for this visit are Donald Johnston, EXBS Advisor who can be reached at (385-1) 661-2241 or by cell at (385-91)792-9916 and Olga Crnogorcic, EXBS Program Assistant who can be reached by phone at (385-1)661-2477 or by cell at (385-91)542-1501. In addition, the Marine Guard at Post One can be reached 24 hours/day at (385-1) 661-2400. More information on the Embassy can be found on our website: www.usembassy.hr.

¶5. Hotel reservations for Beam, Jacobs, Morgan, Henighan, Kenney and Magoulas have been made at the Esplanade Hotel in Zagreb for the nights detailed in your country clearance request. Reservations have also been made at the Hotel Park in Split, Hotel in Vis and Excelsior Hotel in Dubrovnik for the days scheduled. Taxis are widely available at the airports for transport to the Hotel. Transportation from Split to Ploce, Split to Dubrovnik and Zagreb to Rijeka and back has been arranged through the Ministry of Interior, Maritime Police.

¶6. MONEY: Credit cards are widely accepted in Zagreb. The embassy cashier is open mornings, Monday through Friday, for accommodation exchange (personal and/or traveler's checks are accepted) for USG personnel only. ATM machines

dispensing local currency are ubiquitous and accept most US-bank ATM cards (PLUS and CIRRUS). There is also an ATM machine available in the Embassy building. The Croatian kuna is currently trading at 6.11 to the dollar.

¶7. THREAT ASSESSMENT AND SECURITY GUIDANCE: Croatia has a relatively low crime rate. Travelers should, however, take normal precautions and exercise common sense, as they are sometimes the targets of pickpockets, especially on public transportation and in crowded markets. All personnel should notify the RSO of any threats, security incidents, or questions.

¶8. SECURITY CLEARANCE AND BUILDING ACCESS: Bring a photo ID (e.g., passport) with you for entry into the Embassy. Visitors who have State Department building passes may bring those for entrance to mission facilities. Visitors desiring unescorted access into Embassy buildings must ensure that their headquarters provide the following information via front-channel cable: name, date of birth, security clearance level (if any) and arrival and departure dates.

¶9. ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Travelers are required to notify their Embassy control officer in advance if they plan to bring laptop or palmtop computers for use inside the Embassy. In accordance with State Department regulations all such devices must be approved in advance by post ISSO and RSO. Travelers must also receive a briefing about restrictions and usage of the equipment. The Embassy control officer must request approval for the equipment from the ISSO and RSO and, if approved, arrange the required briefing upon traveler's arrival before the devices will be permitted inside the building.

¶10. HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE: The Embassy health unit is

staffed full-time and can assist in emergency situations. Travelers should bring with them a supply of any required medications adequate for the duration of their stay. Many newer medications are not available in Croatia. Recommended immunizations for Croatia include typhoid and hepatitis A and B. Travelers should be aware that the standard of health care in Croatia decreases markedly outside of Zagreb.

¶11. TRAVEL WARNINGS: All travelers should be aware of the Department of State's latest travel warnings and public announcements, available on the Consular Affairs internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>
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